



New Appointee Joins Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced the appointment of Dr. Lawrence S. Brown to the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) as a member representing the interests of the general public in the coinage of the United States.

This appointment for a statutory term of four years will fill the vacancy on the CCAC created by the term expiration of Erik Jansen.

A life-long numismatist, Dr. Brown traces his fascination with coins back to his adolescence in Brooklyn, New York, where he found himself stimulated by the various ways in which history could be captured on such a small canvas.

Dr. Brown serves as Associate Physician at the Rockefeller University Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and Healthcare Policy and Research, Weill Medical College, Cornell University. He is Chief Executive Officer at START Treatment and Recovery Centers in Brooklyn, New York.

He received a combined M.D. from the New York University School of Medicine and Masters in Public Health from the Columbia University School of Public Health. He completed an internal medicine residency at Harlem Hospital and a neuroendocrinology fellowship at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Brown served as a member of the Drug Testing Advisory Board of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and is currently a member of New York State's Public Health and Health Planning Council and the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council.

The CCAC was established by an Act of Congress in 2003. It advises the Secretary of the Treasury on theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and other medals produced by the United States Mint. The CCAC also makes commemorative coin recommendations to the Secretary and advises on the events, persons, or places to be commemorated, as well as on the mintage levels and proposed designs.

The CCAC is subject to the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury. The United States Mint is responsible for providing necessary and appropriate administrative support, technical services, and advice. The CCAC submits an annual report to Congress and the Secretary of the Treasury, describing its activities and providing recommendations.

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